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Dear Mr. President,

I am glad to say that Mr. Morand does not appear to be very seriously ill, according to the report of the doctor, whom I spoke to by telephone after he had made his visit. I have not been able to get his report yet for to-day, but I shall let you know if it should not be favourable.

After our conversation yesterday it occurred to me that it might be possible for you to allow the error of date which occurred in the Board of Governors' decision regarding Mr. Jeanneret's salary to stand as they made it. I suppose they have had no meeting at which it could have been changed. I feel that Mr. Jeanneret is quite deserving in every way of this immediate promotion, but I infer from what you said that there might be a difficulty in the way, and that you would prefer not to raise it. If I have got a wrong impression, then perhaps, in view of the misunderstanding which occurred last year in regard to his salary, you might still be willing to consider the question which has been inadvertently raised.

Believe me to remain
very respectfully yours
J. Home Cameron

January 6th, 1919

Professor J. Home Cameron,

University College.

Dear Professor Cameron:

I am sorry that I have not before this acknowledged your letter and M. Moreau's little book. I read quite a good deal of the book last week and found it very interesting. I am sure that it will afford some excellent material for classes. I should like to congratulate him on the work and to thank you for the copy.

Wishing you a happy New Year, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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January 22. 1919

Dear Mr. President,

Mr. Paul Balband, who has been reappointed from year to year as a member of the French staff in University College during his absence for military service, has intimated that he expects to return from France in two or three months. As he may naturally expect to resume his work as Instructor in the Faculty of Applied Science, or in some other capacity, it would be well that his case should be disposed of as soon as possible.

I wish accordingly to say that it is strongly felt by at least four (I think I can safely say five) members of the French staff that some way should be found to satisfy Mr. Balband's claims upon the University without reappointing him to the staff for next year. There are several reasons why reappointment should not be made.

1st All the instruction which used to be given by Mr. Balband was confined to the Faculty of Applied Science, and that was last year struck off the Curriculum by that Faculty.

2nd. There are at present on the staff of University College three Frenchmen who have all been honourably discharged from the French Army — one on account of age, and the other two on account of physical incapacity — and it would certainly not be advisable to continue to reappoint a man who,

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whatever his services in the War may have been, has never had ~~that~~ special preparation for University work which is now so necessary, and has amply shown his ability to earn a livelihood in other ways, as well, I am forced to add, as his readiness to resort to expedients which are not usually countenanced by University men.

3rd Mr. Ballard has been in receipt not only of his remuneration as an interpreter, which is unusually good, and of his full salary from the University for the whole period of the War, but also of various other sums collected at different times by his former pupils and friends in Toronto; so that, with the further assistance which the University may be prepared to give him, it should not be very difficult for him to resume his former means of support, and repeat his former success, which was quite remarkable.

These reasons would seem to be sufficient, without further elaboration, to justify the recommendation contained in the second paragraph of this communication.

I beg to remain

Very respectfully yours

J. Home Cameron

Sir Robert Falconer,
President
University of Toronto

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June 25th, 1919

Professor J. Mace Cameron,

University College.

Dear Professor Cameron:

Will you please let the President know before the end of June whether the three men in your department, Messrs. De Chaup, Dennecret and Rebellier, should be paid for June and July for eight hours a week for the classes for returned soldiers ?

Yours sincerely,

President's Secretary.